

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-40 (Canceled).

Claim 41 (New): A method of controlling a network, comprising:  
establishing a computer network connection between a computing device and an intermediate device that has network resources connected thereto;  
determining a level of security of the computer network connection based on determining a communication protocol of the computer network connection to connect the computing device to the intermediate device; and  
controlling a level of access of the computing device to the network resources using the level of security of the computer network connection that has been determined.

Claim 42 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein said establishing comprises:  
establishing a wireless computer network connection.

Claim 43 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein said establishing the wireless computer network connection comprises:  
establishing a wireless computer network connection which conforms to an IEEE 802.11b standard.

Claim 44 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein in said determining a level of security, the determining the communication protocol determines whether the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 45 (New): A method according to claim 44, wherein said determining whether the computer network connection is encrypted comprises:

determining whether the computer network connection is encrypted using Wired Equivalent Privacy ("WEP") encryption.

Claim 46 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein said controlling a level of access comprises:

allowing the computer to access a file server which is one of the network resources, only when in said determining the level of security the determining the communication protocol determines that the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 47 (New): A method according to claim 46, wherein said controlling a level of access further comprises:

allowing the computer to access the Internet which is one of the network resources, regardless of whether the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 48 (New): A method according to claim 47, wherein said controlling a level of access further comprises:

allowing the computer to access an email server which is one of the network resources, regardless of whether the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 49 (New): A method according to claim 47, wherein said controlling a level of access further comprises:

allowing the computer to access an email server which is one of the network resources, only when the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 50 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein:  
said determining is performed by the intermediate device, and  
said controlling is performed by the intermediate device.

Claim 51 (New): A method according to claim 50, wherein:  
said determining is performed by the intermediate device which is a router.

Claim 52 (New): A method according to claim 51, wherein:  
said controlling is performed by the intermediate device which is a router having a firewall operation.

Claim 53 (New): A method according to claim 52, wherein:  
said establishing is performed using the intermediate device which is a router which establishes a wireless connection to the computer.

Claim 54 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein:  
said determining is performed by a server running a network operating system, the server being different from the intermediate device, and  
said controlling is performed by the server running the network operating system.

Claim 55 (New): A method according to claim 54, wherein:

said determining is performed by the server which is running a network directory service.

Claim 56 (New): A method according to claim 54, wherein:

said establishing is performed by a bridge connected to the computer through the computer network connection.

Claim 57 (New): A method according to claim 56, wherein:

said establishing is performed by the bridge connected to the computing device through the computer network connection which is a wireless network connection.

Claim 58 (New): A method according to claim 41, wherein said controlling comprises:

controlling the level of access by a stand-alone firewall device which is connected between the intermediate device and the network resources.

Claim 59 (New): A method according to claim 58, wherein said determining comprises:

determining the level of security using the intermediate device.

Claim 60 (New): A method according to claim 58, wherein said establishing comprises:

establishing the computer network connection as a wireless connection using the intermediate device.

Claim 61 (New): A system for controlling a network, comprising:

means for establishing a computer network connection between a computing device and an intermediate device that has network resources connected thereto;

means for determining a level of security of the computer network connection based on determining a communication protocol of the computer network connection to connect the computing device to the intermediate device; and

means for controlling a level of access of the computing device to the network resources using the level of security of the computer network connection that has been determined.

Claim 62 (New): A system according to claim 61, wherein said means for establishing comprises: means for establishing a wireless computer network connection.

Claim 63 (New): A system according to claim 61, wherein said means for establishing the wireless computer network connection comprises:

means for establishing a wireless computer network connection which conforms to an IEEE 802.11b standard.

Claim 64 (New): A system according to claim 61, wherein said means for determining a level of security comprises:

means for determining whether in the communication protocol data the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 65 (New): A system according to claim 64, wherein said means for determining whether data from the computing device is encrypted comprises:

means for determining whether the computer network connection is encrypted using Wired Equivalent Privacy ("WEP") encryption.

Claim 66 (New): A system according to claim 64, wherein said means for controlling a level of access further comprises:

means for allowing the computer to access a file server which is one of the network resources, only when the means for determining the level of security determines that in the determining the communication protocol the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 67 (New): A system according to claim 66, wherein said means for controlling a level of access further comprises:

means for allowing the computer to access the Internet which is one of the network resources, regardless of whether the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 68 (New): A system according to claim 67, wherein said means for controlling a level of access further comprises:

means for allowing the computer to access an email server which is one of the network resources, regardless of whether the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 69 (New): A system according to claim 67, wherein said means for controlling a level of access further comprises:

means for allowing the computer to access an email server which is one of the network resources, only when the computer network connection is encrypted.

Claim 70 (New): A system according to claim 61, wherein:

said means for determining is the intermediate device, and

said means for controlling is the intermediate device.

Claim 71 (New): A system according to claim 70, wherein:

said means for determining is the intermediate device which is a router.

Claim 72 (New): A system according to claim 71, wherein:

said means for controlling is the intermediate device which is a router having a firewall operation.

Claim 73 (New): A system according to claim 72, wherein:

said means for establishing is the intermediate device which is a router which establishes a wireless connection to the computer.

Claim 74 (New): A system according to claim 71, wherein:

said means for determining is a server running a network operating system, the server being different from the intermediate device, and

said means for controlling is the server running the network operating system.

Claim 75 (New): A system according to claim 74, wherein:

said means for determining is the server which is running a network directory service.

Claim 76 (New): A system according to claim 74, wherein:

said means for establishing is a bridge connected to the computer through the computer network connection.

Claim 77 (New): A system according to claim 76, wherein:

said means for establishing is the bridge connected to the computer through the computer network connection which is a wireless network connection.

Claim 78 (New): A system according to claim 61, wherein said means for controlling comprises:

a stand-alone firewall device which is connected between the intermediate device and the network resources.

Claim 79 (New): A system according to claim 78, wherein said means for determining comprises:

means for determining the level of security using the intermediate device.

Claim 80 (New): A system according to claim 78, wherein said means for establishing comprises:

means for establishing the computer network connection as a wireless connection using the intermediate device.